

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009***

Present: Selectmen Michael Woodworth and Rosanne Gilbert. Others attending included Attorney John Ryan, Police Chief Reed, Police Lt. Gould, Sue McKinnon, Steve Shope, Attorney Fran Lane, and Nancy Spencer. Selectman Wes Moore did not attend the meeting due to illness.

Call to order: 6:29pm by Michael Woodworth.

Prior to the regular meeting, Michael Woodworth, Chief Reed, and Lt. Gould met with attorney John Ryan. Rosanne Gilbert did not participate as she has recused herself from the issue.

Chief Reed submitted a State FEMA reimbursement form to the Selectmen for their signatures. The Town hopes to receive a reimbursement of 12 ½% of the funds expended to clean up after the December 2008 ice storm.

The DWI/Speed Grant is in effect until September.

Fourteen arrests have been made to date for underage drinking. The grant continues for one more month. Education classes will be held in the fall for business owners and their employees that sold alcohol to underage customers.

On May 15th the police department and the elementary school will hold a bike rodeo down by the Co-Ed parking lot. The department received a grant for up to 25 bicycle helmets which will be given to children that cannot afford to buy one. The school nurse and Mark Gosselin will help with this event.

The Memorial Day Parade will start at 11:00am on Saturday, May 23rd. Chief Reed is working with Amy Sununu on this. In past years the Chief and Lt. have donated their time to work the parade. This year, the Chief will donate his time, but the Celebration Committee will have to pay for one officer's detail. There will be horses and antique tractors participating this year.

Please be aware that anyone who has a parade that is not sponsored by the Town needs to obtain permission from the Board of Selectmen and provide proof of insurance.

Rosanne thanked the Chief for the Route 87 clean up. Thirty bags of trash were collected. Members of the police department, their families, and friends participated.

The Garden Club will receive 800 daffodil bulbs this fall as part of the roadside clean up campaign.

A letter will be sent to Fire Chief Jeff Buxton reminding him of the new state law that requires new volunteers at the department to be fingerprinted and have a criminal record check completed.

David Dennehy submitted his resignation as the Town Landing Officer due to personal circumstances. The Selectmen thank Dave for his service to the town and give their best wishes to him and his family.

Larry Shaw was appointed as the new Town Landing Officer. The town dock needs to be repaired or rebuilt and Larry will need to provide an estimate to the Selectmen. He also has permission to hire help to install and remove the dock in the spring and fall. It was noted that the Town Landing shares a budget line with the Conservation Commission.

The Selectmen gave permission for Nancy Spencer to attend a class at Manchester Community College in July.

The meeting went into a non-public session at 7:25pm with Town Counsel Fran Lane. The meeting returned to a public session at 8:10pm.

Checks were signed.

One abatement was granted and signed.

Correspondences from the following were reviewed:

- Newfields Village Water and Sewer Department
- DiCrocce Prosecution Services
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.
- New Hampshire Health Alert Network
- Exeter Region Cooperative School District
- New Hampshire Local Government Center – thank you note
- Child Advocacy Center – thank you letter
- Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc. – thank you letter
- Local Government Center
- Newfields Conservation Commission

Timothy Keaveney applied for a refund on his unused renewal registration. The Selectmen agreed to refund the money due to the circumstances.

The Selectmen signed the final forms for state reimbursement for the December 2008 ice storm.

Voice mail instead of an answering machine was discussed. The police department does not need voice mail, the library will advise us at a later date. The use of the answering machine will continue for the time being.

Two Legal Notices from the Planning Board were reviewed.

Rosanne made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Rosanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
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